the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road. If all of them could not be done simultaneously, he requested that bridges be provided at the last four places immediately and a foot bridge constructed at the Mavelikara ferry.

The Member then requested that the following village roads be gravelled :—

1. The road from Mavelikara to Chengannur *via* Thonnakad; and
2. The road from Puthiakavu to Pallikal Travellers' Bungalow.

Lastly, he said that the old bridge at Ayiranikuzhi was removed by the P. W. D. two years ago but had not been re-placed. He requested that the construction of the new bridge might be taken up at once.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for Rs. 4,570 has been sanctioned for Alamthuruthi bridge. Another estimate for Rs. 66,000 for the other three bridges has been received and is under consideration. Early action will be taken in regard to the Ayiranikuzhi bridge.

80. Improvement of the means of communication by land and water in the Tiruvalla taluk.

Mr. M. K. Raman Pillai (Member, Tiruvalla taluk) requested,

(1) that bridges or culverts, as might be necessary, be constructed at the seven ferries on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road ;

(2) that the roads from Niranam to Viyapuram, from Tiruvalla to Mepral, and from Tiruvalla market to the Manimala river, might be improved and made fit for cart traffic. Of the three roads, the first two were 3 miles each in length and the last only 1½ miles long;

(3) that at least a wooden bridge be constructed across the river at Muttur.

(4) that the portion of the Pampa river between Illimala and Kuthiathodu might be deepened for boat traffic, as during hot weather the small portion of the river about one-fourth of a mile in distance would be filled with sand which rendered boat traffic impossible ; and

(5) that the trace from Podiyadikadavu to Thalavadi and other places might be cleared of all encroachments and made available for public use.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

81. Public works Department and the means of communication in the Tiruvalla taluk.

Mr. N. Narayana Panikkar (Member, Tiruvalla taluk) dilated on the advantages of co-operation between the P. W. Department and the people in the matter of opening new roads and suggested some rules being framed to attain the following objects :—

(1) The section officers should be empowered to survey and peg out the lines of roads on requisitions from the people.

(2) The roads cut entirely at the cost of the people should be grouped under any of the four classes according to their width *i. e.*, 40 ft., 33 ft., 24 ft., and 18 ft., and taken over and maintained by the Government.

(3) In the case of roads so taken up by Government for maintenance, the people should not be compelled to construct culverts and bridges on the road.

(4) The proceeds of the fruit-bearing trees on the sides of such roads should be allowed to be taken by the owners of the lands on which they stand, Government reserving the power to remove any trees found to obstruct traffic.

(5) The Tahsildars should have power to acquire any lands required for such roads under the urgency clause of the Land Acquisition Regulation, on the application of the people.

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(6) An allotment should be made in the budget every year for giving grants for the maintenance of roads cut by the people and a portion of such allotment should be utilised in giving compensation to poor people whose lands might be taken for constructing the road. A Committee should be appointed for making the distribution, consisting of the Tahsildar and four non-official gentlemen, and the amount so given should be published in the Gazette.

(7) Instructions should be issued to the P. W. D. officers to exhort the people to take up the construction of roads.

In the light of the above suggestions the Member requested that the following roads on which the people had spent some money and labour should be dealt with, their completion facilitated and their maintenance taken up by Government as early as possible:—

(1) Pullad—Ranni road.

(2) Ezhumattur—Manimala road.

(3) The road from Krishnavilasom road to Thundiyilkadavu and its branches.

(4) Kuttur—Oathara road.

(5) Puramattom—Poovankadavu road.

He also prayed that the following roads might be improved by Government without further delay:—

(1) Chengannur—Kozhencherry Village road.

(2) Cherukolpuzha—Poovanakadavu road.

(3) The Pullad road, to be extended up to the Pamba river.

Lastly, he suggested the desirability of forming a separate section comprising the old and the new roads in the eastern *pakuthies* of the Tiruvalla taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

82. Public works in the Quilon Division with special reference to Tiruvalla.

Mr. K. M. Mammen Mapilla (Member, T. I. C., Tiruvalla) referred to the following public works as being urgently required :—

(1) Tiruvalla—Mavelikara canal. Whatever line was adopted for the canal, he requested that the work should be put in hand and completed soon.

(2) Peringara—Karakal road. The people were prepared to do the work for Rs. 1,000, though the departmental estimate amounted to Rs. 3,000, and they had given a statement to that effect. It was not known what further action was taken in the matter. The encroachments on the line should be removed by the department before the work was made over to the people.

(3) Bridges on the road from Tiruvalla to Mavelikara. All the bridges on the road, especially the one at Palathankuzhi, should be constructed early. It was necessary to provide a jungar at Palathankuzhi till such time as a bridge was constructed at the place. There would be enough water there for a jungar.

(4) Tiruvalla—Mallapalli road. The people had nearly completed the works. No culverts were required on the road. The survey of the road which had been ordered should be completed soon.

(5) Tiruvalla Town roads. There were only 8 miles on the whole. In one year Rs. 2,000 was allowed, but the grant was discontinued. An annual allotment of at least Rs. 1,000 should be provided for improving the town roads.

(6) The Pallipalam bridge should be put in hand at once, as it was an urgent work.

(7) Tiruvalla-Ezhinjillam road. Leaving out $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles which had been already done as part of the town roads, there remained only $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road yet to be constructed. That should be taken up and done by the department early.

(8) The construction of the Tiruvalla-Mepral road should also receive early attention.

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